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Special Edition...PH— “The Best of the Best for 2003”

San Antonio Texas: The 4th of March was a night to remember for many of our best Public Health personnel. This was the night of the annual Public Health Awards dinner to recognize our Best of the Best for the previous year—2003. Lt Sandra Aguillon, the Chief, Community and Occupational Health Element, 59th Medical Wing, 59th Aerospace Medicine Group at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, was the project coordinator for the evening. She did an outstanding job pulling all of the various pieces together for a special evening. She had the nominees enter the room at the beginning of the evening under a spotlight and proceed to the stage area where they each were adorned with a medal with a Red, White and Blue neck ribbon signifying the excellence and patriotism they exhibited throughout this past year.

The 149th Wing Honor Guard performed a very emotionally moving POW/MIA Ceremony under the spotlight signifying the memory of those who could not be with us that evening.

Joining us for this special night was the daughter of the late Colonel Cleveland L. Parker, Lt Col Lori Macias and the family of the late Lt Col George M. Prascsak Jr., Mrs. Carol Prascsak, sons, George Prascsak III, Ken Prascsak and daughter Suzanne Fowler. These wonderful people were at the dinner to help

present the awards honoring the memory of their loved ones.

The evening was emceed by two very special professionals; Lt Col Steve Williams (accompanied by his lovely wife Kimberly) and Staff Sergeant Angelica Broner both from the Public Health office at Lackland AFB, Texas. Thanks to these great orators for a job well done!

A short presentation taking a look back at the excellence of Public Health “A Year In Review” was presented by First Lieutenant Sandra Aguillon (Dinner Coordinator) and SMSgt Mike Arellano from the 149th ANG Unit at Lackland AFB, Texas. They did a great job highlighting what our people accomplished over the past year!

The rest of this issue is devoted to the nominees for the various awards that were presented at the dinner. There is a Hometown News Special Edition #2 that will highlight those who won the high honors (USAF level awards) coming out very soon (as soon as I get the pictures and input for each of the winners).

A hearty Thanks to all of the hard workers who dedicated so many hours to ensure that the PH Awards Dinner was a great success! Congratulations to all who were involved!

Public Health Airman of the Year Nominees

SrA Lucner Lucate—ACC

Senior Airman Lucate is stationed at Holloman AFB, New Mexico and exhibits a peerless "can do" attitude. While restructuring the Hearing Conservation program, he reduced the follow-up evaluation time by a full 13 days and saved an

amazing \$57,000. His keen epidemiological skills proved that the local population was a low risk for TB, which ultimately saved over 6,000 man-hours and about \$46,000 per year in redundant testing. He earned nine credit hours toward his Community College of the Air Force Associates degree maintaining a notable 3.0 grade point average through his six courses with the American Military University, Bachelor of Science degree program.

SrA Jean D. Odtohan—AMC

SrA Odtohan is stationed at Fairchild AFB, Washington and epitomizes the USAF Core values. This future leader's model Food Safety Program was rated "perfect" during a 2003 Health Services In-

spection. She correctly identified an increase in the number of sexually transmitted disease (STD) cases among 18-25 year age group and then developed a targeted briefing and lectured 11 First-term airmen classes. These efforts affected a 50% decrease in new STD cases. She served as both First Four Association treasurer and vice president. She is an effective youth mentor and squadron Combined Federal Campaign coordinator increasing last year's contributions 41%.

SrA Yvette L. Taylor—USAFE

SrA Taylor is a high quality Airman assigned to Aviano AB, Italy. She expertly managed the hearing conservation program with 1,950 enrolled and achieved an astound-

ing 92 percent occupational health exam rate. She completed 9 semester hours towards her CCAF degree with honors despite a high workload and only 65 percent manning. As an effective communicator, she was handpicked to promote pre-deployment health measures for base personnel on local Armed Forces Network radio! She also dedicated over 50 hours for Airman Against Drunk Driving and countless hours as the Air Force Sergeants Association Airman Activities Coordinator who was hand-selected to represent the local chapter at the National Conference.

SrA Kimberly M. Thorn—AETC

SrA Thorn is a star performer stationed at Little Rock AFB, Arkansas. As a critical member of the medical processing team, she was pivotal in pushing the compliance of the

wing's Preventive Health Assessment (PHA) rate to over 96 percent of the almost 5,000 installation members. She was the central force behind increasing the Individual Medical Readiness (PIMR) rate to over 82 percent of over 1,600 deployers at AETC's highest ops tempo base ensuring the medical mission readiness. She obtained an Associates of Arts degree and is pursuing her Bachelors in education with a 3.4 GPA. She was a key participant in the wing safety day and the wing command chief's retirement ceremony.

SrA Nancy E. Wall—PACAF

SrA Wall is a hard working member of the Public Health team at Andersen AFB, Guam. Her management prowess led her to restructure the deployment medical process saving 32 work-hours monthly and her communication expertise en-

hanced the medical intelligence briefings to 602 deployers. She was essential to the local health department's recovery efforts after a devastating typhoon where she evaluated 18 off-base food facilities protecting the health of more than 150,000 island inhabitants. She completed 15 credit hours towards her Community College of the Air Force degree with a stellar 3.8 GPA. As a dedicated Blue Knights Honor Guard team member, she contributed 124 hours through 21 formal ceremonies. As a first elected President of the First Four Association, she organized five key events benefiting the entire installation.

SrA Tylyanna Aquino— USAFA

SrA Aquino is a highly skilled member of the USAF Academy public health team from Colorado Springs, Colorado. As the Airman-in-Charge of Occupational Health and Safety program she identified six workers receiving

unnecessary medical exams saving over \$500 in lost man-hours and increased the Hospital Employee Health Program compliance rate 26 percent in less than three weeks pushing the rate to 99 percent. Her prevention expertise led to a 45 percent reduction in upper respiratory infections and acute gastroenteritis cases for over 1200 cadets. She takes care of herself and others through the completion of 12-credit hours towards her CCAF degree and dedication of volunteer hours serving dinner and handing out clothing to homeless veterans.

SrA Cassandra Besabe— AFSOC

SrA Besabe is an outstanding Public Health team member stationed at Hurlburt AFB, Florida. While deployed during Operation ENDURING FREEDOM, she supervised

over 80 Third Country Nationals as a Security Escort protecting over \$500 million in joint mission essential resources with zero personnel security breaches. She provided oversight in meeting the Occupational Safety and Health Administration standards for more than 3,500 personnel and increasing the compliance rate from 70 percent to over 92 percent and personally completed more than 2,800 audiometric tests. She is compassionate community volunteer where she mentored over 100 local middle school students.

SrA Scott W. Ellison— AFSPC

SrA Ellison is an innovative airman stationed at Vandenberg AFB, California. Dubbed a PIMR guru, he focused the medical

group on major discrepancies raising the wing's medical readiness rate to 84 percent achieving #2 in Air Force Space Command. He rescued an out-of-service audiometer yielding a 100 percent increase in hearing examination capabilities saving over \$6,000. Off duty, his communication expertise helped 78 children in Operation KUDO'S to better understand USAF deployments and his job knowledge aided him as the Public Health Merit Badge Counselor for 72 Boy Scouts.

SrA Rachel A. Long –AFMC

SrA Long is an Airmen Leadership School John Levitow award winner stationed at Hanscom AFB, Massachusetts. Recently, she revamped the Worker Protection Program (WPP) exam requirement and scheduling pro-

gram where her efforts were cited as "outstanding" by the Health Services Inspection (HSI) team. She bolstered the firefighter examination compliance rate taking it from 42 percent to a noteworthy 94 percent. Her astute leadership skills made her the obvious choice as dormitory Advisory Council president where she improved the quality of life for the 180 residents. She participated in the Veterans Administration "Adopt-a-Ward" program fostering active duty and veteran solidarity for more than 40 comrades.

Colonel Cleveland L. Parker Award Nominees—NCO Category

SSgt Stacianne M. Boling— AMC

SSgt Boling is a phenomenal manager stationed at Pope AFB, North Carolina. Supporting Operation IRAQI FREEDOM and Operation EBDURING FREEDOM, she reviewed over 2,000 records for 20 different processing lines with over 3,000 deployers at each line.

As the lead administrator for computer surveillance programs supporting more than 12,000 patients with 70,000 visits, she provided instruction and guidance to 120 medical staff members on infection control practices focusing on procedure surveillance resulting in a zero infection rate. She earned a Bachelor's of Health Science degree with a minor in Business Administration and is pursuing a Master's degree in Public health. Her volunteer spirit shines brightly through numerous events and community activities; raising over \$5,000 for the medical group; over \$1,800 in pledges for the local March of Dimes and more than \$2,000 for the local school library.

TSgt Jason R. Devereaux— AFSOC

TSgt Devereaux is a sharp NCO stationed at an AFSOC detachment at Mildenhall AB, United Kingdom. He drove the occupational health compliance rate from 64 percent to an amazing 96 percent within 4 Weeks. He provided preventive

medicine recommendations to over 1,000 special operations group personnel deploying to 93 different countries and territories. While deployed to Romania for Operation IRAQI FREEDOM and later to northern Iraq, he established fixed base support for sanitation and patient decontamination procedures. Requested by name from the 173rd Airborne Brigade Surgeon, he functioned as the Brigade Public Health Element. He is finishing his CCAF degree and routinely donates his time and energy to children's activities in the local community.

SSgt Jesse C. Feliciani— AFMC

SSgt Feliciani is a top-notch NCO stationed at Hill AFB, Utah. SSgt Feliciani managed the clearance of over 1,600 personnel, (23 Percent of the entire installation's active duty population), who were deploying to

several operations around the world. During this time, the installation Preventive Health Assessment and Individual Medical Readiness (PIMR) rate increased from 68 percent to a notable 78 percent in just two months. SSgt Feliciani's actions safeguarded more than \$26 million worth of critical installation food supplies. He earned 26 college credits towards two CCAF Associate degrees and earned the designation Of "Hero of the Week" for outstanding customer service. This theme of hero continued when he donated plasma to help with life saving procedures.

TSgt Kaleah M. Hodges— ACC

TSgt Hodges is a stellar leader from Barksdale AFB, Louisiana. She managed the 100 Percent compliant Hospital Employee Health Program and revolutionized the TB program spearheading a risk assess-

ment of the local community resulting in a savings of 6,000 man-hours and \$46,000 annually. She identified an administrative flaw in the sexually transmitted disease program and implemented a standard treatment protocol with a chronological care checklist resulting in a 20 percent decrease in errors. She is pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Biostatistics with a stellar 3.9 GPA, and mentors those around her with activities and leadership portrayed as the coordinator for the unit airman of the month award.

SSgt Becky S. Patterson— AETC

SSgt Patterson is a highly motivated NCO stationed at Maxwell AFB, Alabama. She masterfully directed the clinic employee health program and orchestrated the annual screenings, dramatically increasing the compliance rate from

70 to 98 percent. She deployed in support of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM providing oversight and training to over 50 food service employees while ensuring the safety of over 6,000 meals served daily protecting over 3,000 joint US and coalition troops. She earned a CCAF degree and is pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Science with a 3.8 GPA resulting in her induction into the prestigious National Honor Society. She is the secretary of the group booster club; chairman of the wing combat dining-out entertainment committee, and has organized an effective local "meals on wheels" program.

TSgt Jerriann Allen— USAFE

TSgt Allen is a premier leader stationed at Aviano AB, Italy. As the Wing POC for medical clearances, she expertly managed 38 medical deployment-processing lines with 2,600 warriors ready to roll! She led the ef-

fort to quarantine 72 suspected cholera ill deployers returning from Africa to ensure there was no cholera outbreak; averting an international incident. She propelled the newly revised Public Health Readiness Skills Verification items compliance from 34 percent to 100 percent within 30 days. She revamped the food vulnerability study and partnered with Security Forces personnel to identify potential risks and secure a \$22M food supply. She is finishing her CCAF degree while balancing an extremely heavy workload with a 4.0 GPA. She organized an office Volksmarch team and dedicated weekends to Airman Against Drunk Driving.

SSgt Christopher T. Joyner— 11th Wing

SSgt Joyner is a cutting edge performer stationed at Bolling AFB, D.C. He overhauled the local Defense Commissary Agency Complaint Program resulting in a dramatic decrease

for customer response notification time. He led the effort to increase the Clinical Employee Health Program compliance rate to 99 percent. He aggressively managed the Wing Occupational Health Program and documented a skyrocketing compliance rate that shot up 48 percent. He completed 11 semester hours towards his CCAF degree in Allied Health while maintaining a 4.0 GPA. He supports various charities like the annual Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Walk that helped raise over \$400,000 dollars for research and treatment of this debilitating disease.

TSgt Lillian E. Tisby-Sumpter—AFSPC

TSgt Tisby-Sumpter is the heart and soul of the Public Health Office at Peterson AFB, Colorado. She implemented the new DoD post-deployment processing procedures and pushed a compliance rate increase from 60 to

90 percent. She directed all aspects of the Clinic Employee Health Program with a compliance rate of over 95 percent. Her skills and tenacity ensured a 100 percent follow-up of 95 - 4T physical profiles. She earned both the Distinguished Graduate Award and the Academic Achievement Award from the NCO Academy. She exhibited a kind heart when she prepared food for Top 3 fund-raisers and local homeless shelters. She answered the call and helped the USAF Academy Class '04 with medical processing where she medically screened and cleared over 1,000 cadets for admission.

SSgt Leslie A. Werlinger— USAFA

SSgt Werlinger is a shining star performer stationed at the USAF Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado. She managed and dramatically improved the occupational health exam compliance rate from 66 percent to 99

percent in three short months. She swiftly gathered and analyzed the epidemiological data on 76 patients during a suspected food-borne illness outbreak within the cadet population. She identified the source and directed the corrective actions alleviating the fears and concerns of the cadets and local leadership. She is currently enrolled at Pikes Peak Community College finishing her Associates Degree and is a consistent volunteer helping to raise money for various needs throughout the local community.

SSgt Tamara R. Williams— PACAF

SSgt Williams is a superb leader stationed at Andersen AFB, Guam. Leading a disaster recovery effort after a major typhoon, she rapidly evaluated 40 food facilities and coordinated the disposal of \$41,000 worth of unsafe food, ultimately protecting the health of 150,000 island

residents. While deployed, she was selected ahead of 20 other NCOs to manage the CENTCOM's largest security escort program; which was lauded as the best in the AOR. She supervised 142 airmen and NCOs and managed 30 sites worth over \$24M while monitoring over 660 Third Country Nationals (TCN). She completed 9 credit hours in one semester with a stellar 3.4 GPA. She single-handedly organized the security support for five base festivals where there were more than 300 TCNs brought onto the base. Her volunteer spirit directly supported Guam's Annual Special Olympics participants.

Colonel Cleveland L. Parker Award Nominees—SNCO Category

MSgt Walter D. Codney— ACC

MSgt Codney is a brilliant leader assigned to Offutt AFB, Nebraska. As a critical liaison for more than 1,000 South Dakota National Guard troops, he facilitated their 100 Percent on-time deployment readiness for Operation ENDURING

FREEDOM. While stationed at Ellsworth earlier in the year, he pushed the Preventive Health Assessment and Individual Medical Readiness (PIMR) rate to number "1" in ACC, solving some tough programming problems along the way. After his arrival at Offutt, he rallied this same rate to "PIMR Green" and slashed a 40 percent no-show rate to less than 10 percent in just under 2 months. He is blazing towards completion of a CCAF degree with a 4.0 GPA. He has been a tireless volunteer with Airman Against Drunk Driving serving as a driver on weekends for impaired personnel.

MSgt Phillip A. Davis— USAF

MSgt Davis is an outstanding leader stationed at the USAF Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado. He was a key member in the achievement of the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations

score of 91 percent. His management skills pushed the Hospital Employee Health Program's dismal compliance rate from 73 percent to 99 percent in just three weeks and the occupational health examination program's compliance rate from 66 Percent to 98 percent in only three months. His tenacity and dedication led to 524 initial flying Class and 318 commissioning examinations to be certified in less than 5 months, a truly monumental task! He completed the Senior NCO Academy correspondence course with a 91 percent and is involved as a wing tax assistant and various Top 3, Rising 6, and Hispanic heritage fund-raising events.

SMSgt Brent C. Fenton— AFSOC

SMSgt Fenton is a dynamic leader stationed at Hurlburt AFB, Florida. As the manager for the USAF's second largest deployment medicine section, he ensured force health readiness for more than 7,600 deploy-

ing troops processed through 29 deployment lines. A proven leader, he enhanced the Personnel Individual Medical Readiness rate from a substandard 29 percent to 73 percent. He is an assistant Scoutmaster for a local Boy Scout troop where he fostered and mentored the growth and development of 39 future leaders. He also volunteers for various events throughout the year such as organizing a bike safety booth where he educated more than 200 children on helmet safety. He is an assistant coach for a local little league baseball team fostering team building and promoting sportsmanship.

MSgt Marlon F. Goddard— AFSPC

MSgt Goddard is a powerhouse performer stationed at Patrick AFB, Florida. His astute oversight and management of the preventive health assessment program

led to the Health Services Inspector stating "best ever seen," with sustained results of 96.7 percent making this program #1 in Air Force Space Command and #2 in The USAF. He is a vital member of the Installation Threat Working group and the president of both the squadron and group airman recognition boards. He also volunteers for activities like the local Brevard Zoo program entitled "Expedition Africa" where he aided in the construction of an exhibit for 60 animals saving the zoo over \$10,000 and more than 80 man-hours.

MSgt Thomas D. Griffith II—AFMC

MSgt Griffith is a sterling SNCO stationed at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio. His leadership skills were critical during the public health flight deployment surge during Operations ENDURING FREEDOM and IRAQI

FREEDOM processing 968 personnel, ensuring medical, dental and immunization requirements were current. As the medical group champion, he crafted the medical in-processing requirements and procedures for all base newcomers. The Air Force Material Command Commander commended his program as "best program ever seen" which achieves member compliance on day one! He completed the Senior NCO Academy Course 12 correspondence course and served as a counselor at a local Christian boys camp as well as an assistant Den leader for a local Cub Scout pack.

MSgt Shawn D. Rickey— USAFE

MSgt Rickey is a key leader stationed at Spangdahlem AB, Germany. As a deployment-processing manager, he trained 83 Unit Deployment Managers and directed a 900 percent deployment surge

while medical assets were only 68 percent manned. His astute efforts saved over \$54,000 and more than 2,800 man-hours through a creative coordination and scheduling modified process for medical readiness assessments. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Management from the University of Maryland with a notable 3.75 GPA. He is an active leader and mentor of the Top 3 Organization who participates in activities such as Project Cheer and Airman Against Drunk Driving

MSgt Jurri Saddler—ANG

MSgt Saddler is an innovative leader from the 153rd Medical Squadron, Wyoming Air National Guard in Cheyenne. He developed an effective "Syndromic Surveillance" system to monitor base per-

sonnel's health. The Wyoming State Public Health office recognized his skill and dedication when he volunteered to help man the Emergency Operations Center for the previous Winter Olympics and the development and further refinement and enhancement of the Syndromic Disease Surveillance project. His volunteer spirit shines through his involvement as a guest speaker at a local school and through his consistent work on the local "Meals on Wheels" program.

MSgt Richard C. Baker III—PACAF

MSgt Baker is an accomplished leader from Kadena AB, Japan. Using his computer expertise, he developed a web-based medical readiness database for individuals and commanders to have instant access to war fighter

status. Furthermore, he transformed the PHA and IMR process, resulting in an increased compliance rate from 61 percent to 87 percent. Kadena soared from last in PACAF to #1 among the 10 largest wings in the USAF. He completed the Senior NCO Academy correspondence course and received the Academic Excellence certificate where he achieved a 95 percent for the course. He chaired Okinawa's 32nd Annual USO Service Salute, which was a flawless event with over 600 attendees including 7 United States and Japanese Flag Officers. The event raised \$35,000 for USO activities.

SMSgt Eric A. Harmon—AMC

SMSgt Harmon is a dynamic leader stationed at Travis AFB, California and provided superior support for an installation of 89,000 people, including 1,600 aircrew and operators within 36 units. Spearheading the

effort to expedite the medical clearance process, he eliminated barriers and unnecessary steps saving over 5,000 hours in processing personnel. His precise leadership lifted the PIMR compliance from 48 to 71 percent in less than 5 months. He dedicated himself for over 6 months to prepare the flight for a Health Service Inspection where they were rated "Outstanding" by inspectors. He completed the Bachelor of Science Degree core requirements through Southern Illinois University with a 3.7 GPA and has volunteered numerous hours towards various activities like judging speech competitions at the Solano County Educational Decathlon.

MSgt Matthew Leithead IV—AETC

MSgt Leithead is a superb SNCO stationed at Goodfellow AFB, Texas. As a manager of the wing medical readiness program, he ensured over 90 percent of wing's 1,300 troops were de-

ployable, ranking first in AETC and second in the USAF. His organizational expertise led to the wing immunizations program staff providing over 8,400 required shots with a 99.6 percent compliance rate; ranking first in the USAF! He is a CCAF graduate pursuing a Bachelors Degree in Management through the completion of 21 hours with a 3.6 GPA. As the chairman of the USAF Ball Protocol Committee, he ensured 420 patrons enjoyed the celebration of the USAF birthday! As the Medical Group Top 4 Vice President, he supervised 20 members, volunteering over 200 hours and donating more than \$800 towards the morale and welfare of the enlisted force.

MSgt Sharon Y. Thompson—11th Wing

MSgt Thompson is a superstar leader stationed at Bolling AFB, D.C. She led the support to the White House Medical Office during the planning of a Presidential trip to sub-Saharan Africa and provided medical intelli-

gence and risk-based vaccine prevention guidance to over 300 staff members. As the Public Health Chief in the four-month deployment absence of the Flight Commander, she responded to the increased threat levels in D.C. initiating all required safety and security measures. She implemented weekly inspections of five key facilities ensuring safety for the base population of approximately 5,000. She completed 18 hours towards her Bachelors Degree in Management with a 4.0 GPA. She also completed the USMC NCO Academy correspondence course and is involved with the local community through events such as judging a local school science fair.

Public Health Staff NCO of the Year Nominees

SMSgt George R. Silvas— HQ ANG

SMSgt George R. Silvas is a superb NCO working as the Superintendent of Public Health stationed at HQ Air National Guard, Andrews AFB, Maryland. As an ANG functional manager, he di-

rected the re-write of the ANG Public Health Position Description and streamlined the HIV program assisting units to respond quickly and completely. As a prevention champion, he implemented a risk-based approach to mobility immunization requirements throughout the ANG saving more than \$600,000 annually. He enrolled in several web-based, public health courses at the University of Illinois and donates a considerable amount of his limited off-duty time to feed the hungry.

MSgt (S) Melissa R. Gillette—AFMC

MSgt (S) Gillette is an exemplary instructor stationed at the USAF School of Aerospace Medicine, Brooks City-Base, Texas. As a Master Instructor she dedicated over 200 hours in upgrading various training curricu-

lum and as a subject matter expert she expertly trained over 1,000 students in 8 different courses. Her expertise made her the logical choice to lead the initiative to establish the Initial Flying Class-I and Medical Flight Screening program within a six month window saving the USAF over \$12 Million every year. She completed 9 tough semester hours towards her Bachelors of Science degree in Human Resources with a 3.84 GPA. She serves as the USAFSAM Top 3 Secretary and as a newcomer's council member of the Wing's NCO council.

MSgt John Orpen—AFSPC

MSgt Orpen is a phenomenal NCO assigned as the Chief, Medical Inspections stationed at HQ USAF Space Command at Peterson AFB, Colorado. As a veteran of the Personnel Reliability Program, he solved critical problems identified during

two recent nuclear surety inspections. As a top-notch staff NCO, he was a critical member who developed the Command's aggressive Ability to Survive and Operate (ATSO) evaluations and revamped the Self Aid and Buddy Care (SABC) scoring mechanism. He completed the Senior NCO Academy Correspondence Course and was elected as President of USAF Space Command's IG Booster Club. In his limited spare time, he teaches a motorcycle safety course.

Public Health Officer of the Year Award Nominees

Capt Maureen Farrell— AMC

Capt Farrell is an incredible leader stationed at Dover AFB, Delaware. She was a champion of the 2003 Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations and the Health Services Inspection efforts where

her areas achieved some of the highest scores to date, a 98 and perfect 100 respectively. She developed Dover Public Health's first-ever bio-terrorism response plan. She implemented process changes that propelled Dover's PIMR Compliance rates from last place to first place among Air Mobility Command in just 90 days. She completed Squadron Officer School, in residence and was a key contributor to her flight achieving "Right of Line" honors. She is very involved with her local community through her actions as a Junior Achievement instructor and her efforts that helped raise over \$30,000 for Special Olympics.

Capt Randi Hamm—AETC

Capt Hamm is a full throttle leader stationed at Little Rock AFB, Arkansas. She directed the local medical deployment process conducting 19 processing lines, which medically cleared over 1,600 deployers. She planned and implemented a

deployment health clinic; which provided "one-stop" medical clearances where the installation was 100 percent ready to deploy. She led the multidisciplinary record review process of more than 1,100 personnel. She attended Squadron Officer School in-residence and completed a Combined Humanitarian Assistance and Response Team (CHART) training workshop. She is a mentor role model for all and was the driver and adult leader for various youth activities at a local church.

Lt Col Sam Hall III—AFMC

Lt Col Hall is a model officer stationed at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio. His expertise and skill drove the local annual influenza program compliance to 98 percent and the PIMR rates from 52 to 75 percent in less than five months. While deployed, he served as the MAJCOM Public Health Officer for 22 de-

ployed locations in 12 countries. Under his leadership, the Smallpox vaccination program at the deployed USAF units in his AOR achieved 92 percent compliance in only one month. He was appointed as the leader for the Public Health Functional Users Group. His computer precision led him to be a major contributor to USAF software development and policy on Individual Medical Readiness (IMR) programs. He served as a leader for his Air War College seminar and has been actively involved with three major Habitat-for-Humanity Projects in the local area.

Major Michael Lundy—11th Wing

Major Lundy is a sterling leader stationed at Bolling AFB, D.C. He provided critical public health guidance to over 300 White House staff members who provide frontline support for Presidential trips. He solely manned the Wing Command Post and mar-

shaled USAF and US Army assets during the President's State of Union Address. While deployed, he was the first USAF Public Health officer on the ground at Baghdad Air Base (BDAB) where he identified a non-potable water use problem in the dining facility and worked a quick solution to ensure safe water for more than 2,000 troops. He completed a 10-week Biological and Chemical Warfare Response course and was appointed as the Wing Administrative Discharge Board President. His volunteer spirit shines brightly when he reads to more than 75 students at a local elementary school for the Reading Across America program

Major (S) Nisara Suthun—USAFE

Capt Suthun is a stellar leader stationed at Aviano AB, Italy. She swiftly supported the OIF and JTF Liberia where she ensured medical screening for over 4,000 deployers. She educated 1,250 members during 50

smallpox-processing lines. She initiated a one-stop shop for PIMR deployment processing where she managed 42 processing lines that screened over 4,000 medical records. Her efforts at tracking and her tenacity at follow-up boosted the local IMR rate from 76 to 84 percent. She organized Aviano's first Native American Heritage event and is actively involved in the Company Grade Officer Council where she devoted 5 hours at the 4th of July booth and 6 hours at a local bazaar raising over \$50,000 for Aviano. She is also a Troop Leader for 80 local Girl Scouts.

Major Pamela Ward-Demo—ACC

Major Ward-Demo is a dynamic officer stationed at Ellsworth AFB, South Dakota. She is a key Threat Working Group member providing critical information to top-level wing leadership. She built a team of Public Health, Life

Skills, Dental, and Primary Care functions into one effective team, which is an invaluable one-stop medical shop for over 4,000 deployers. The Operational Readiness Inspection extolled her "strong process in place to screen medical records" which screened an incredible 552 records in only 5 days. While deployed, she directed Public Health efforts for more than 1,900 multinational forces, drastically cutting the disease and sanitation risks during this 178-day deployment. She also had a dramatic impact on the local community through her involvement with activities such as church events and the local wing air show.

Capt Lawrence Noel—AFSOC

Capt Noel is a superb leader from Hurlburt AFB, Florida. He managed the USAF's second largest deployment medicine section ensuring the medical readiness for more than 7,600 troops and revised the deployment processing procedures receiv-

ing an "Outstanding" rating from AFIA HSI. His programs were dubbed "best practice" in a recent Unit Compliance Inspection where he ensured the reconstitution of more than 1,000 members in less than 30 days. He led a 15-person medical group Exercise Evaluation Team during 10 critical wing exercises. His volunteerism and involvement in the local community is evident through his work as a Unit Tax Assistant; judge at the local annual science fair and bowler on the unit bowling team.

Major Armando Rosales— AFSPC

Major Rosales is an impeccable leader from F.E. Warren AFB, Wyoming. As the Aerospace Medicine Flight commander, he provided oversight for 27 major programs with an \$80,000 budget. He is a key member

of the Wing Deployment Working Group, which implemented a streamlined post-deployment process. The Health Services Inspection team rated this deployment-processing program as "Outstanding" and scored it at 100 percent. He directed 133 food facility sanitation evaluations across three states, protecting the food supply for more than 4,600 members. He exhibited his polished speaking skills when he lectured at the National Vector-borne Disease Symposium. His volunteer efforts for local charities such as Multiple Sclerosis and his local church led to donations over \$90,000.

Major Lynn Shinaberry— PACAF

Major Shinaberry is a superior leader stationed at Andersen AFB, Guam. As a champion for radon tests after high levels were detected in base housing units, she educated over 3,600 residents and dispelled their concerns. She recognized an audio booth flaw and expe-

dited the required calibration support that minimized down time and saved more than \$11,000 in referrals. She conquered the Air Command and Staff College course in an astounding 5 months. She coordinated an award ceremony for the Guam Special Olympics and assisted with the Project "Christmas Drop" where members packed 150 aircraft pallets and air dropped over \$125,000 worth of donated holiday gift items brightening the holidays for the inhabitants of 54 outer islands. She volunteered for scuba dives to clean up the reefs and became a registered donor for the National Marrow Donor Program.

Lt Col George M. Prascsak, Jr. Award Nominees

Major Brad Winterton— AFMC

Major Winterton is a dedicated leader at the Air Force Institute for Operational Health at Brooks City Base, Texas. As a manager, he spearheaded the \$213,000 redesign of a critical USAF disease reporting computer system.

While deployed during operation IRAQI FREEDOM, he established a remote, austere encampment where he safeguarded the health of more than 5,000 coalition troops at two remote sites. His performance then led to his selection as the CENTAF (Forward) Public Health Officer where he handled a complex range of public health issues for over 65,000 coalition troops at 24 locations in 13 countries. He is on schedule with Air Command and Staff College through correspondence, despite deploying. He is involved in the community as a Boy Scout troop leader and local church as a Sunday school teacher.

Major William Bennett— AFIA

Major Bennett is a dedicated leader with the USAF Inspection Agency, Health Services Inspection Team at Kirtland AFB, New Mexico. He orchestrated 22 Health Service Inspections spanning 5 different MAJCOMs where he clearly identified 77 operational deficiencies with solid, expert recommendations

for program improvement. He was selected by the HQ AFIA directorate to assist with a software development project resulting in a solution that saved over \$900,000. He also developed an electronic reference library for base, MAJCOM and USAF School of Aerospace Medicine personnel to utilize. He completed the Air Command and Staff College seminar program; was awarded a medal for a medical deployment to San Salvador, El Salvador; and was actively involved with the community through his efforts as a Cub Scout Leader and Christian program youth leader and teacher.